

PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 15, 2003

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Janine Anderson
Steven Curry
Patricia Ellis
John Gallagher III
Rob Jarvis
Sue Kern
Terence Mason

MEMBERS

ABSENT

Charles Finch
Marc Holyfield
Jane Lee
Terry Shine

GUESTS

Chad Rice
Linda Worthy

BEMS

STAFF

Judi Crume
Larry Heidenberg
Chuck Kramer
Peggy Lahren
Larry Lorenzen
Susan Nicolas
Gerald Ollier
Howard Schwartz
Michel Sucher

I. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON

Michel Sucher introduced John Gallagher as the new Committee Chairperson.

II. CALL TO ORDER

John Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:09 a.m.

III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Steven Curry, seconded by Janine Anderson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IV. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES

One error was found in the Minutes from October 24, 2002. The error was on page 2, section VI, subsection D, sixth line down, "Mesa Community College," corrected to "Mesa Fire Department". Terence Mason motioned with a second by Janine Anderson to approve the Minutes from October 24, 2002 as corrected. Motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

John Gallagher did not have anything to report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items under this category.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Membership

Judi Crume said that the Bureau needs to look at the membership of the PMD Committee over the next month to see if there needs to be changes or not.

B. Selection of Vice-Chair

John Gallagher first asked for any volunteers to become Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. No one volunteered so John Gallagher then asked Terence Mason if he would become the Vice-Chair and he accepted. This was approved by the Committee members.

C. CombiTube™ for EMT-Bs and Paramedics

John Gallagher presented this item and gave a brief history of the CombiTube™ and requested that it become standard equipment for all EMTs. Discussion ensued. Steve Curry motioned, seconded by Terence Mason, to allow CombiTube™ to be in the Scope of Practice for paramedics. Motion carried. A motion by Steve Curry and seconded by Terence Mason to allow CombiTube™ to be in the Scope of Practice for EMT-Basics. After a discussion ensued on making sure the EMT-Basics are properly trained in the use of the CombiTube™, Steve Curry withdrew his motion and restated it as a new motion, also seconded by Terence Mason, that the CombiTube™ be approved for the Scope of Practice for EMT-Basics after implementation of a curriculum for the education of its uses added to the EMT-Basics' training. Motion carried. Finally, Steve Curry with a second by Terence Mason motioned for the CombiTube™ to be approved for the Scope of Practice for EMT-Intermediates. Motion carried.

D. Statewide Treatment Protocols

John Gallagher began the discussion on this item by suggesting that there be minimum treatment protocols for the State developed. A discussion ensued. John Gallagher asked the Committee members to submit their hospital, fire department, etc., treatment protocols so we can possibly set up a statewide minimum treatment protocols for use by all medical treatment centers and fire and/or rescue units in the State.

E. Drug Box – Drug Supply Range Changes

Michel Sucher spoke on this item saying there were errors in the old Drug Box List. A document titled, "EMT-P and Qualified EMT-I Drug List – Effective 5/15/03" was distributed to all in the meeting. A discussion ensued as to the new list.

F. Presentation of New Medical Device ("AutoPulse™") for Consideration by the Committee

Bryan Moore, a sales representative from the Revivant™ Company, gave a presentation on the AutoPulse™ Resuscitation System, which is a portable machine designed to provide consistent, automated chest compressions during CPR. A handout titled, "The Two Biggest Drawbacks of CPR" was distributed to all in the meeting. First, Bryan Moore gave a PowerPoint presentation on the device then he set up the machine on a manikin and demonstrated how it worked. After a question/answer session and discussion, a motion by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Janine Anderson, for PMD Committee approval of the AutoPulse™ use as an optional device in the State of Arizona. Motion carried.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None to report.

IX. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the PMD Committee is scheduled for September 25, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be at the new ADHS Building located at 150 North 18th Avenue, 5th Floor, Phoenix.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion for adjournment from Steve Curry and seconded by Patricia Ellis was approved by the Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Approved by the PMD Committee on 9/25/03